



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

To be fully responsive, the Applicants elect invention I and storage case embodiment of species 1 for prosecution on the merits. Claim 55 has been amended to broaden the claim.

The Applicants believe that claim 55 is generic and that claims 1-10, 12-26, 31-33, 35-37, 42-45, 48-50, 55-62 and 66-81 read on the elected species. However, the figures are meant to merely be examples and should not be used to limit the claims in any way.

The Applicants have amended claims 25-54 to depend from claim 55, removing the original grounds for the restriction between a combination and subcombination. All of the pending claims are now drawn to a storage case. Thus, the original grounds for the restriction requirement between inventions I and II is moot with respect to claims 25-54.

The Applicants request that the amendments to claims 25-55 be entered. The amendments to claims 25-54 merely conform the claims to a form that can be examined on the merits, making explicit that which was implicit in the claims as previously amended and, accordingly, do not constitute narrowing amendments.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the requirement for selecting claims that read upon the species of figures that the Examiner selected, as the search and examination based on the remaining claims and figures can be made without serious burden, regardless of the species of claim selected.

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